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October 16, 2000

Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B-204
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Verizon New England Inc. for Authorization Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service in the State of Massachusetts,
CC Docket No. 00-176

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed is the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy's ("MDTE's") Evaluation of Verizon Massachusetts's Compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Please note that the MDTE is filing a confidential portion of the submission and a redacted version of the entire submission. The MDTE is also providing an electronic version of the redacted version on disk in WordPerfect and PDF formats, in

accordance with discussions with the Common Carrier Bureau.

By the Commission,

James Connelly, Chairman

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cc: Susan Pie, Policy and Program Planning Division
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